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Article applied: Article 29, Para. 2 of the Japanese Patent Law

The above- mentioned application is considered to be subject to rejection for the reasons set forth hereunder. If the applicant has anything to say, he should file an argument within sixty days from the date of dispatch of this documents.

Reasons

1. The inventions according to the claims pointed out below of the present application are considered to be such that they could have easily been accomplished by one of ordinary skill in the art on the basis of the inventions described in the following publications which were circulated in Japan and/or foreign countries prior to the present application and, therefore, they are considered unpatentable in view of the provisions of Article 29, Para. 2 of the Patent Law.

NOTE:

- (1) Japanese Laid-open Patent Publication [Kohyo] No. Hei 09-512899 (1997)
- (2) Japanese Laid-open Patent Publication [Kokai] No. Hei 06-341989 (1994)

Claims 1 to 7

The above cited publication 1 describes a detection method for determining the amount of a probe (which is a binding reagent obtained as a sum of a first label and a second label) and the amount of sample bound to the probe (the second label) and calculating the portion of binding sites that are occupied.

The above cited publication 2 describes a detection method for determining the amount of sample bound to a probe, using the known amount of probes (an antibody immobilized portion).

claims 1 to 7